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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Commissioner of Patents  
& Trademarks  
Washington, D.C.  
U.S.A. 20231

Dear Sir:

Re: Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/239,860  
For: UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER WITH MOTOR ON TOP  
Filed: January 29, 1999  
Applicant: Conrad et al

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to read as follows:

—UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER WITH CYCLONIC AIR FLOW—

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Page 1.**

At Line 1, after "The present application is" insert  
a division of Application No. 09/239,860, filed January 29, 1999, now pending,  
which in turn is a

**Page 7.**

At line 20: delete "and"

At line 23: after "position", delete "and insert" and replace with